

HOUSE RESOLUTION 244

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Joanne H. Smith on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Joanne H. Smith is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for a number of years as the Area Manager for the Department of Human Services in Wilson and Trousdale counties; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2008, she will be taking a much deserved retirement after forty-eight years of dedicated public service; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith embarked on her stellar career on February 1, 1960, when she joined the Department of Public Welfare in Rutherford County as a case worker; during her time with the Department of Public Welfare, she learned many valuable lessons and amassed a pool of experience from which she would draw for years to come; and

WHEREAS, after being transferred to the Wilson County office, she was promoted to the position of County Director for Wilson County; during her time there, Joanne Smith was instrumental in the organization of several social agencies, including the Wilson County Community Help Center, Christmas for All, the Youth Emergency Shelter, the Youth Ranch, and the Brooks House; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith is an active and important part of her community and profession, participating on the boards of numerous worthy organizations, including the Salvation Army, TNCEP for Wilson and Trousdale Counties, Health Care for Children, Parents as Teachers, Trousdale County's Coordinated School Health Program, and United Way of Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, a native of Smith County, Joanne Smith, along with sisters Ruth Piper and Frances Crowder and her brother, the late Jess Hackett, Jr., was raised on a farm, where she learned many of the life lessons she has carried with her throughout her years; and

WHEREAS, devoted to the highest tenets of family values, Ms. Smith shared love and support with her husband, the late David W. Smith, before his passing, and she is the proud mother of Mary J. Smith Henkel and Linda Kay Smith O'Reilly; and

WHEREAS, she is the proud grandmother of Patrick Henkel, Jess Henkel, Kate Henkel, McKenna O'Reilly, and Rebecca O'Reilly; and

WHEREAS, she is also a devout and committed member of the First United Methodist Church in Lebanon, which she has served for several years; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Smith exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, she has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and clients alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Joanne H. Smith our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors as we salute her exemplary career in public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.